

WRITING ASSESSMENT

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A Vicious Cycle

The average day for a student is usually quite full. They go to school, participate in afterschool activities, do their homework, and maybe even go to work. This sort of schedule can leave a student completely drained and exhausted. With some students not finishing their homework until late at night, there is no hope of them getting a good night's sleep for the next day. A school that started later in the day would be very helpful to most and would have almost no adverse consequences.

The morning can cause a great deal of strife in a student's life as they try to force themselves from an inadequate slumber to begin another full day. With both parents working in a large amount of households, there is usually no time to have breakfast for any member in the family; students often have no choice but to come to school with an empty stomach and no energy for the day. With no source of energy and a lack of sleep, it becomes a struggle for even the most diligent student to stay awake in their first period classes. The teachers see it as the fault of the student and do not seem to understand why the student can not stay alert. These events only impair the student's learning and they are forced to work even harder and longer after school to catch up.

It has been shown that teenagers need even more sleep than an infant does at night. Teenagers are supposed to sleep for approximately seven to nine hours at night but for average more than six. This can be unhealthy and dangerous for teenagers who might already have enough stress in their life. When a student cannot get enough sleep, their school work begins to degrade, and when that happens a student can get frustrated and depressed. A later school day could help this by allowing students to get at least an hour more of sleep at night. If they get more sleep at night, they will do better at school, and if they do better at school they will have less homework.

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to be after school.

A later school day would prove to be both beneficial to a student's health and their academic performance. This would help improve both their lives and the lives of those around them. The fact that students would not get out of school until an hour later than usual would be of little concern after they saw the vast improvements in their daily life.

Score Point: 6

This response reflects an outstanding degree of proficiency in persuasive writing skills. The introduction is very effective, and the writer clearly favors changing the school schedule. Ideas are specific, well developed, and thought provoking (a later schedule would improve students' health and academic performance). Outstanding syntactic variety and facility in the use of language are evident throughout. The response is well organized, and a strong persuasive tone is sustained.